

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 (currently amended): An apparatus for lighting in a building structure comprising:

a lighting fixture having at least two lamps;

a one-piece layer having a plurality of holes aligned with the respective lamps through which light from the lamps pass, the layer fitting into the building structure and defining a seam between the building structure and the layer; and

~~means for merging the layer to the building structure so the load of layer is supported by the building structure~~ spackle disposed over the seam between the building structure and the layer to cover any evidence of the seam and define a clean flat face across the building structure and the layer.

Claim 2 (original): An apparatus as described in Claim 1 wherein the layer has a front surface and a back surface, and the layer has a shield extending from the back surface disposed about each hole, the lamps are position at a desired depth in the shields.

Claim 3 (original): An apparatus as described in Claim 2 wherein the fixture includes a housing which holds the lamps.

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (currently amended): An apparatus as described in Claim ~~[[2]]~~ 3 ~~wherein the means for merging includes~~ including tape that is positioned on the building structure and the layer to ~~hold the layer to the building structure.~~

Claim 6 (original): An apparatus as described in Claim 5 wherein the merging means includes a universal mounting bracket to mount the layer to the building structure.

Claim 7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (original): An apparatus as described in Claim 7 including a transformer connected to the lamps and a junction box for providing electricity to the lamps.

Claim 9 (original): An apparatus as described in Claim 8 wherein the fixture includes gimbal rings in which the lamps are disposed.

Claim 10 (original): An apparatus as described in Claim 9 wherein the holes have edges which are straight, or edges which angle inwards or edges which angle outwards.

Claim 11 (original): An apparatus as described in Claim 10 wherein the holes are symmetrical or asymmetrical.

Claims 12 and 13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (currently amended): A panel as described in Claim 10 wherein the layer is made of glass, plaster of paris, corian, marble, granite, wood, metal or ceramic.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A method of lighting a building comprising the steps of:

placing a one-piece panel having holes on a lighting fixture having lamps so the holes align with the lamps and light from the lamps can pass through the holes; ~~and~~

fitting the panel into the building structure;

securing the panel to the building structure so the load of the panel is supported by the building structure~~[[.]]~~; and

spackling over a seam defined between the panel and the building structure to cover any evidence of the seam to define a clean flat face across the building structure and the layer.

Claim 16 (original): A method as described in Claim 15 including the step of adjusting the height of lamps in shields of the panel about the holes.

Claim 17 (currently amended) A method as described in Claim 16 wherein the ~~securing~~ spackling step includes the step of taping over a seam between the panel [to] and the building structure and spackling over the tape.

Claims 18 and 19 (canceled)